

#### MEMORANDUM

TO:

Parks Board Members

FROM:

Warren W. Struss, Director

Parks and Recreation Department

DATE:

December 14, 2006

SUBJECT:

Standards of Care for Youth Programs

The Parks and Recreation Department is recommending the following changes to the Standards of Care for Youth Programs Ordinance.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 20060202-027

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING LOCAL STANDARDS OF CARE FOR THE CITY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S CHILDREN'S RECREATION PROGRAMS.

#### PART 6. REQUIRED SUPERVISION FOR AQUATIC RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS.

- (A) Except as provided in Subsection (C), the department shall provide activity leaders during a recreational program that includes swimming in a swimming pool at a minimum as follows:
  - (3) one activity leader for each twelve children between the ages of eight and twelve years old.

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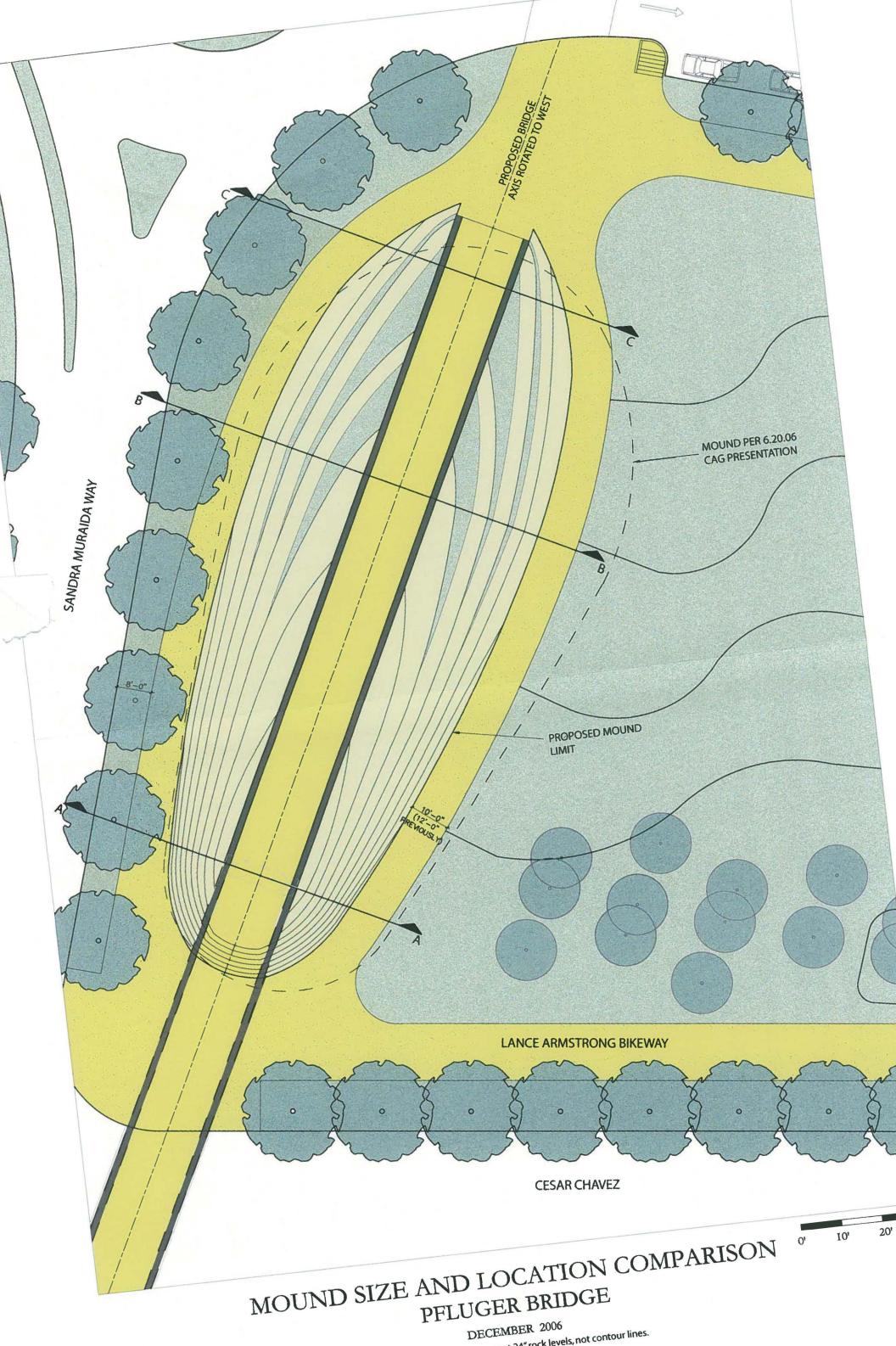
- (3) one activity leader for each twelve children eight years and older.
- (B) Except as provided in Subsection (C), the department shall provide activity leaders during a recreational program that includes swimming in a wading pool at a minimum as follows:
  - (2) one activity leader for each five children three years old; and

#### **CHANGE TO:**

- (2) one activity leader for each five children between the ages of three and five years old; and
- (3) one activity leader for each twelve children four years old or older.

CHANGE TO: (3) one activity leader for each twelve children six years and older.





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Note: Lines on mound represent 24" rock levels, not contour lines.

(D) The department may not conduct a recreational program at a swimming pool or wading pool outside a City park unless the pool is supervised by one certified lifeguard for each thirty swimmers.

#### **CHANGE TO:**

(D) The department may not conduct a recreational program at a swimming pool or wading pool outside a City park unless the use of the pool has been approved by the director.

#### PART 7. REQUIREMENTS FOR ACTIVITY LEADERS

- (C) An activity leader must obtain the following certification from a nationally recognized organization:
  - (1) community water safety, if supervising a recreational program that includes swimming;

#### **CHANGE TO:**

- (1) basic water rescue or equivalent, if supervising a recreational program that includes swimming;
- (3) community first aid.

#### **CHANGE TO:**

(3) first aid.

#### PART 12. MEDICATION STANDARDS

#### ADD:

(C) A staff member may administer an epinephrine auto – injector device if he or she has completed training approved by the department.

Should you have any questions, please let me know.

Warren W. Struss, Director

Parks and Recreation Department

#### ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING LOCAL STANDARDS OF CARE FOR THE CITY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S CHILDREN'S RECREATION PROGRAMS.

#### BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

#### PART 1. AUTHORITY.

The Council adopts these local standards of care for the Parks and Recreation Department children's recreational programs under Texas Human Resources Code Section 42.041(b)(14) (*Required License and Accreditation*) and its home rule authority.

#### PART 2. DEFINITIONS.

#### In this ordinance:

- (1) ACTIVITY LEADER means a person responsible for the direct care or supervision of participants. The term excludes a person whose primary duties include administration, clerical support, food preparation, or facility maintenance.
- (2) DEPARTMENT means the Parks and Recreation Department.
- (3) DIRECTOR means the director of the Parks and Recreation Department.
- (4) FACILITY means a building or improvement operated or used by the department in conducting a recreational program.
- (5) PARTICIPANT means a child under the age of 18 who is enrolled in a recreational program.
- (6) RECREATIONAL PROGRAM means a children's program or activity offered and supervised by the department that requires a child to enroll or register to participate.
- (7) STAFF means a person who is employed by the department to work in a recreational program.
- (8) VOLUNTEER means a person assisting without remuneration in the care or supervision of participants.

#### PART 3. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION.

- (A) The department shall operate recreational programs in compliance with this ordinance and the department's rules adopted under this ordinance.
- (B) The director shall administer the programs.

#### PART 4. PROGRAM RULES; MONITORING.

- (A) The director shall adopt rules relating to the operation of the programs. A rule adopted under this ordinance may be more restrictive than the minimum standards adopted by this ordinance.
- (B) The director shall monitor the programs to ensure compliance with the standards adopted in this ordinance and the rules.

## PART 5. REQUIRED SUPERVISION FOR NON-AQUATIC RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS.

- (A) Except as provided in Subsection (B) and Part 6 (*Required Supervision for Aquatic Recreational Programs*), the department shall provide activity leaders during a recreational program at a minimum as follows:
  - (1) one activity leader for each eight children five years old or younger;
  - (2) one activity leader for each 10 children between the ages of six and nine years old; and
  - (3) one activity leader for each 12 children between the ages of 10 and 15 years old.
- (B) The department shall provide activity leaders during a recreational program for children with a disability at a minimum as follows:
  - (1) one activity leader for each four children 12 years old or younger; and
  - (2) one activity leader for each eight children between the ages of 13 and 18 years old.

# PART 6. REQUIRED SUPERVISION FOR AQUATIC RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS.

(A) Except as provided in Subsection (C), the department shall provide activity leaders during a recreational program that includes swimming in a swimming pool at a minimum as follows:

- (B) Staff shall keep a child whose illness or medical condition that would compromise the health or safety of the other participants separate from the other participants until the child is removed from the facility.
- (C) Staff may not admit or readmit a child whose illness or medical condition prevents the child from comfortably participating in program activities or places other participants at risk to the facility for the duration of the illness or condition.
- (D) In the case of an acute illness or injury to a child, staff shall call for an emergency vehicle to transport the child to an authorized medical facility.

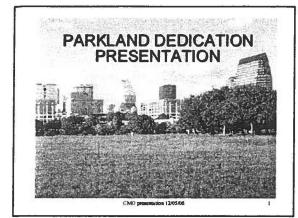
#### PART 12. MEDICATION STANDARDS.

- (A) A staff member may not administer medication to a participant without a parental medication authorization. Staff may not administer medication that is not in its original container or past the expiration date on the container.
- (B) A staff member may not administer an injection or an amount of medication that is inconsistent with the prescribed dosage.
- (C) A staff member may administer an epinephrine auto-injector device if he or she has completed training approved by the department.
- (D) A staff member may not accept more than a one-week supply of medication for a participant and the member shall return the unused medication to the parent on the last program day of the week.
- (E) Staff must keep medication in a secured location that is not accessible by participants.
- (F) A staff member shall maintain a medication log that includes the name of the child to whom the medication is administered, the time the medication is dispensed, and the name of the person dispensing the medication.

#### PART 13. DISTRIBUTION OF STANDARDS.

- (A) The department shall post and make available copies of the standards adopted in this ordinance or by rules adopted under this ordinance.
- (B) The department shall inform the parents of each participant that the recreational programs are not licensed by the state. The programs may not be advertised as child-care facilities.

1	PART 14. RECOMMENDATION FOR AMENDMENT OR RE-ADOPTION.				
2 3	Not later than February 1 of each year the director shall recommend to the Council the amendment or re-adoption of the local standards adopted under this ordinance.				
4	PART 15. APPLICABILITY.				
5 6	This ordinance supersedes Chapter 8-2 (Swimming Pool Use) of the Code to the extent of conflict.				
7	PART 16. EXPIRATION.				
8	This ordinance expires one year after its effective date.				
9	PART 17. This ordinance takes effect on				
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7	Mayor				
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0	APPROVED: ATTEST:				
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#### Legal Justification for Parkland **Impact Fees**

- In Texas and the nation, courts have ruled it is legal for municipalities to require residential developments to either dedicate land for park purposes or contribute to a special fund to be used for neighborhood parks
- The parkland or fee requirement is regarded as mitigation for the impact of the additional burden on the park system

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#### Parkland Dedication Applicability

- · Ordinance adopted in 1985
- Land Development Code requires land or fees in Sub-division Ordinance. (Code Reference:25-4-212)
- · Applicability:

  - Sub-dividing raw land, or re-platting
     Residential land uses only: single family, multifamily including mixed use

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#### Parkland Formula

5 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents

How does the ordinance work?

- There are four options
   Donating land

  - 2. Fees in lieu of land (most common)
  - 3. Combination of both
  - 4. Up to 1/2 credit for private park amenities

#### Ordinance does not apply to:

- · Commercial properties
- · Residential properties not sub-dividing
- · Vertical Mixed Use Projects
- Residential subdivisions with four single family lots or less

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#### Parkland fees can be used for

- · Purchase of land
- For development of additional facilities on existing parks such as new playscapes, tennis courts, trails, etc...

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#### Fees can not be used for:

- Park maintenance
- · Park operations
- Park programs
- Staffing
- Special events

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#### How Parkland Fees are Administered

- Parkland fee expenditures should benefit the new residents of the sub-division that paid the fees
- Preferably, Parkland Fees are spent within a onemile radius of the residential development that paid the fee
- Exception: If no opportunities exist within the onemile radius, the fees are spent on the nearest available opportunity

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#### 2006 Fee Comparisons for Texas Cities: Single family residential development

\$200 per unit · Corpus Christi \$500 per unit · Fort Worth \$518 per unit avg. · Austin Bryan \$520 per unit College Station \$556 per unit · San Antonio \$625 per unit Cedar Park \$720 per unit \$1,100 per unit Arlington

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#### Cities outside Texas

• Portland, OR \$3,053/single family

\$1,986 /multi-family

· Seattle, WA

· El Paso

\$1,050 to \$3,000 per unit

\$1,370 per unit

· San Diego, CA

\$843 to \$3,569 per unit

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#### **Current Challenges**

Under the current ordinance, a loop hole allows some residential developments to not pay fees or dedicate land



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#### **Current Challenges**

Under the current ordinance, equity is an issue due to the high cost of inner city land versus land on the edge of the city

<b>Project Name</b>	# of Units	\$ Paid	Price / unit
Grand Oaks (suburb)	334	\$41,000	\$123
Riverside (near downtown)	100	\$462,000	\$4,600

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### Staff Recommendations

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### Staff Recommendations

- Continue to collect Land and Fees at the subdivision stage for single family developments and Land for multi-family development
- New proposal: Start requiring fees for multi-family developments at the site plan stage. This would address the developments that do not have to sub-divide but are adding density to neighborhoods without paying their fair share of parkland fees.

Development Process

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#### **Staff Recommendations**

3. Propose a simple fee of \$650 per unit.



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#### **Staff Recommendations**

- 5. Any development that meets the Affordable Housing goals, as determined by the Neighborhood Housing Department, can qualify for a 50% reduction of parkland fees. This would only apply to those affordable units within a development.
- The parkland fees should be reviewed and updated as necessary with the annual budget process.

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## Fee Comparison Chart of Recent Projects

Project Name	# of Units	\$ Paid	Price / unit	Proposed Fee
Cypress Bay	19	\$8,000	\$421	\$12,350
Canyon Creek	17	\$11,000	\$647	\$11,050
Manchaca Courtyard	46	\$49,000	\$1,065	\$29,900
Sage at Parmer	225	\$191,000	\$848	\$146,250
Robinson Hill	58	\$197,000	\$3,396	\$37,700
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To:

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From:

Warren W. Struss, Director

Parks and Recreation Department

Date:

December 19, 2006

Subject:

Two-slip boat dock and bulkheading at 62 Pascal.

Case Number SP-06-0666DS

A request has been received from Jeff Walker on behalf of David Knapp to construct a two-slip boat dock at 62 Pascal.

The Parks and Recreation Department staff has reviewed plans for the proposed dock and finds they meet the requirements of Article XIII, Section 25-2-1176, (Regulations for the Construction of Boat Docks) of the Land Development Code.

The proposed dock is located on a bluff and extends thirty feet from the existing shoreline. The Parks and Recreation Board shall make a recommendation on the distance that a proposed dock may extend into the lake without constituting a hazard.

Warren W. Struss, Director

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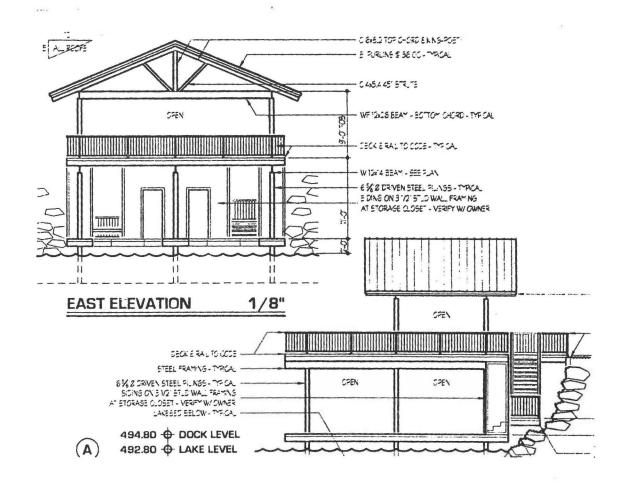
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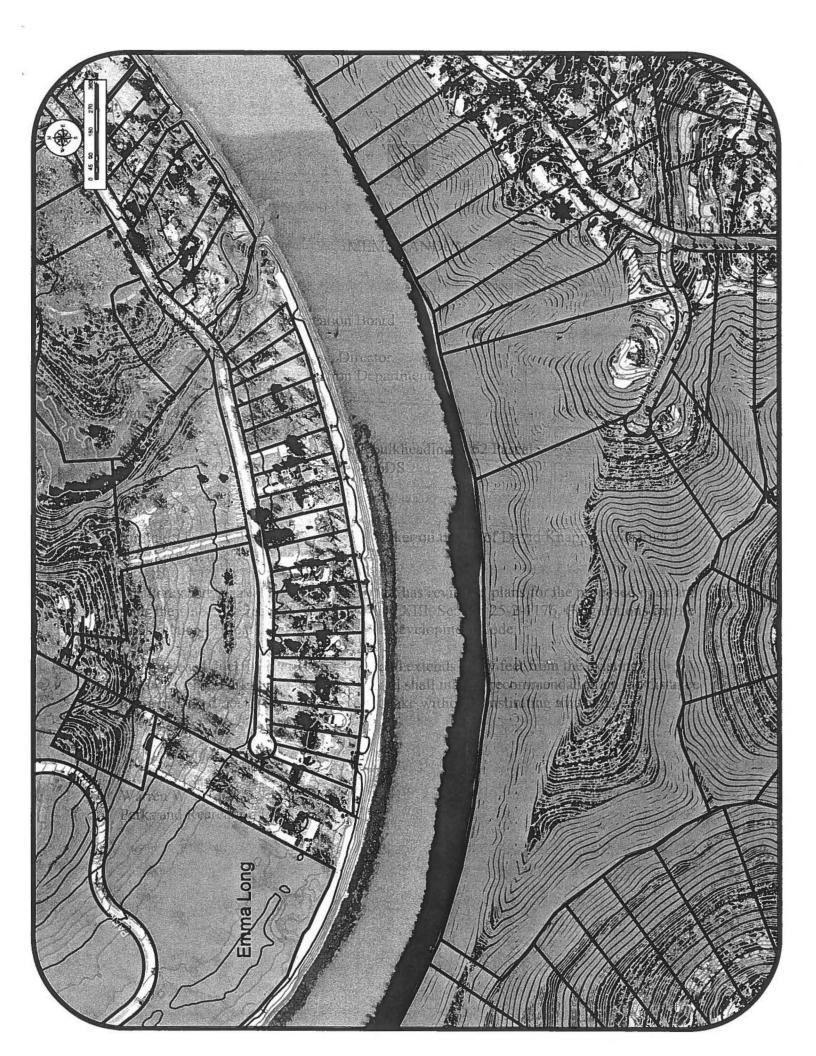
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December 19, 2006

Subject:

Two-slip boat dock and bulkheading at 4 Humbolt Lane.

Case Number SP-06-0684DS

A request has been received from Jim Bennett on behalf of James T. Vanderslice to construct a two-slip boat dock and bulkheading at 4 Humbolt Lane.

The Parks and Recreation Department staff has reviewed plans for the proposed dock and finds they meet the requirements of Article XIII, Section 25-2-1176, (Regulations for the Construction of Boat Docks) of the Land Development Code.

The proposed dock is located on a bluff and extends thirty feet from the existing shoreline. The Parks and Recreation Board shall make a recommendation on the distance that a proposed dock may extend into the lake without constituting a hazard.

A retaining wall, bulkhead, or other erosion protection device must be designed to minimize wave return and reduce wave action. The Parks and Recreation Board shall make a recommendation to the Director on the natural character and design for retaining walls, bulkheading, and other erosion protection devices.

Warren W. Struss, Director

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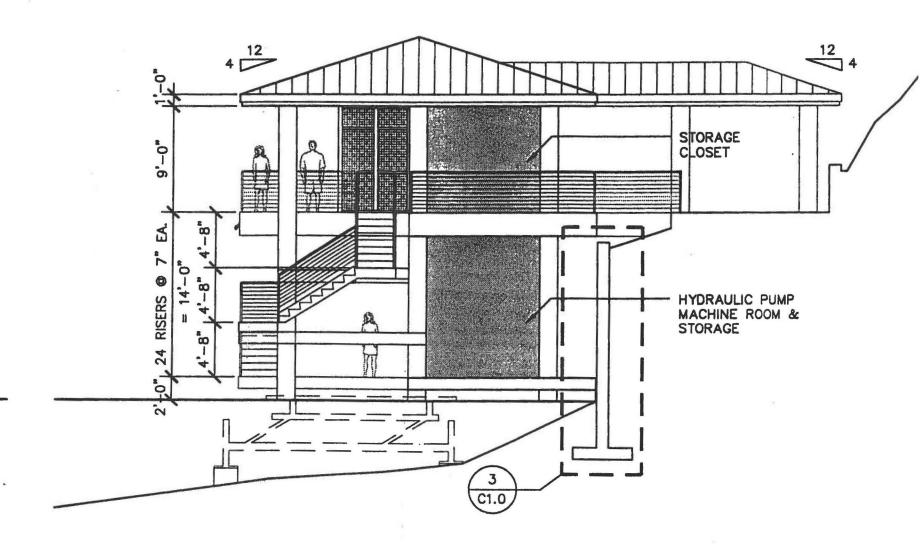
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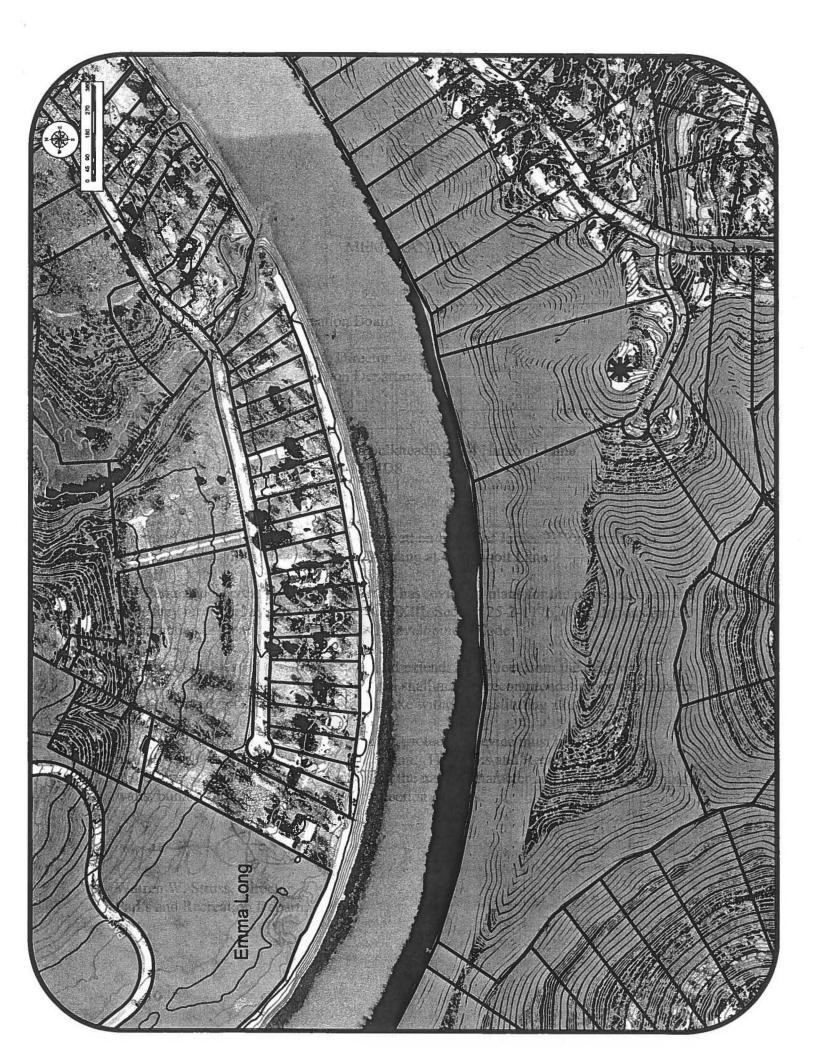
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Town Lake Waterfront Overlay (WO)

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Austin Parks and Recreation Dept. from Shoal Creek center Line

Planning Design & Construction

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200 S. Lamar Blvd Austin, TX 78704

Re: Austin Music Hall Variances Case No. SP-06-0502C

Longaro & Clarke, L.P. Project No. 291-01

Dear Mr. Scott:

The Austin Music Hall (AMH), located at 208 Nueces Street, is currently processing a site development permit to expand and update its facilities. The building backs up to Shoal Creek and lies in the Downtown Creeks Overlay District and the West Area of the North Shore Central Sub-district of the Waterfront Overlay District. A portion of the building currently lies in the primary setback and is 36.75 ft from the centerline of the Shoal Creek. The proposed improvements will place a portion of the egress stairs 31,75 ft from the centerline of the creek. This is an increase of the encroachment by 5 ft. As such, AMH is requesting a primary setback variance from Section 25-2-748, in order to construct the emergency egress, and slightly extend the back of the building.

The building currently sits on pier and overhangs the high bank of the creek. Under proposed conditions the building will also sit on piers and overhang the high bank, only slightly more. Please see attached Exhibit A. Also attached are photographs of the current condition of the creek behind AMH and architectural renderings of the proposed improvements.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and please call with any questions.

Very Truly Yours.

LONGARO & CLARKE, L.P.

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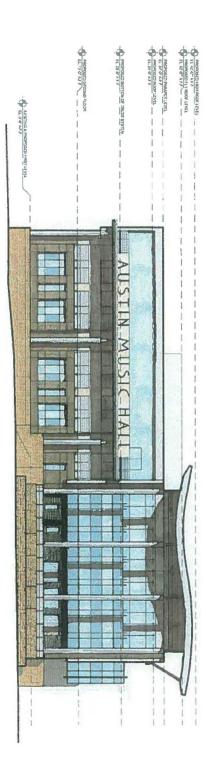


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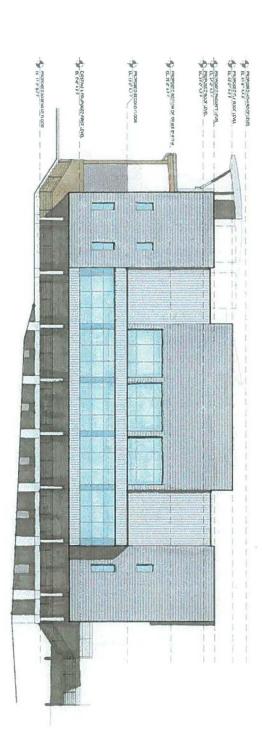




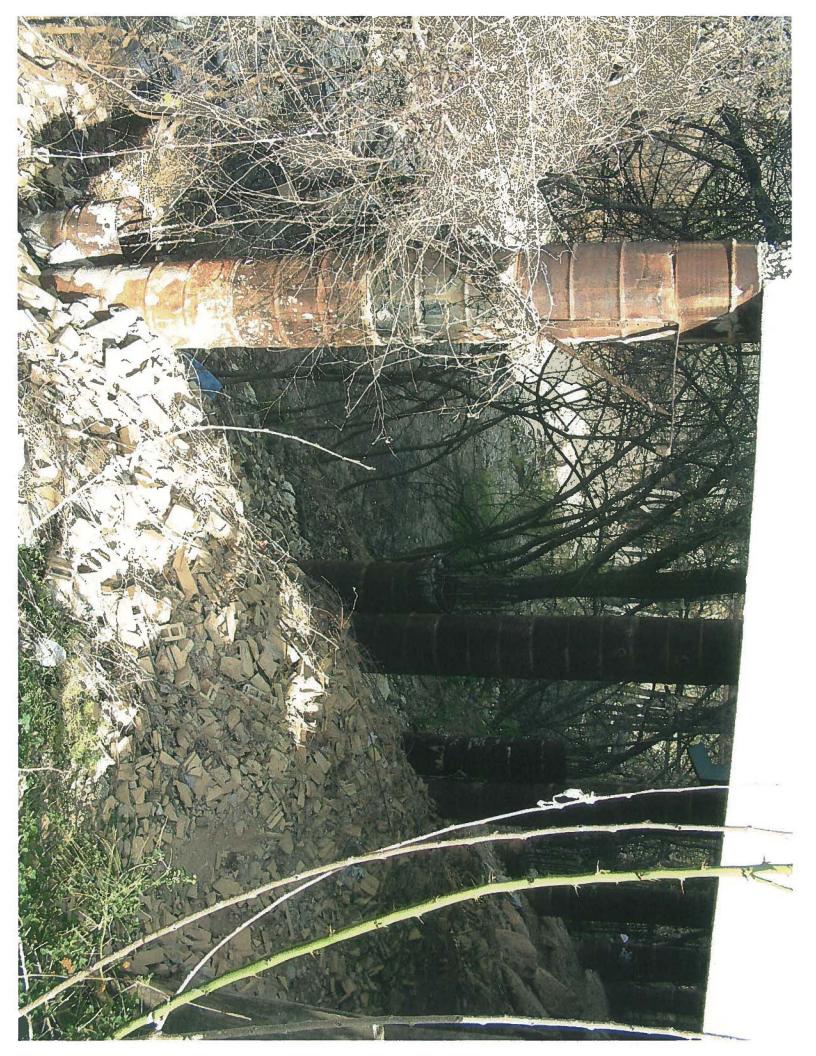
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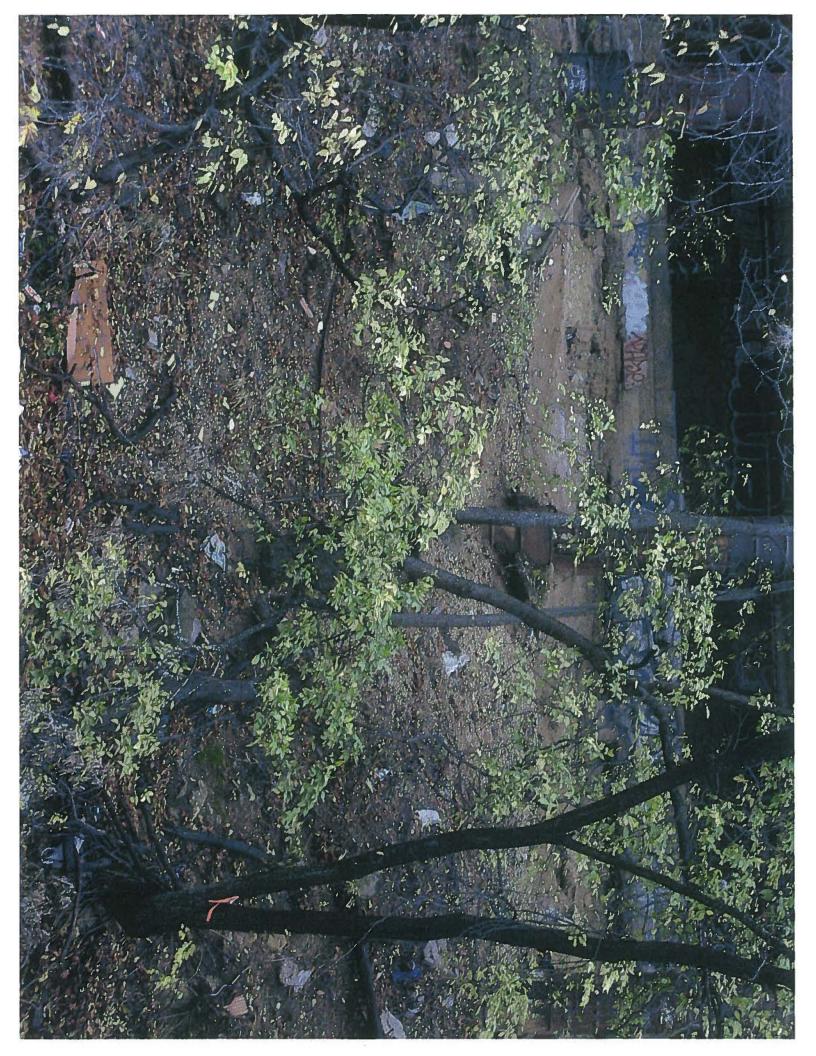
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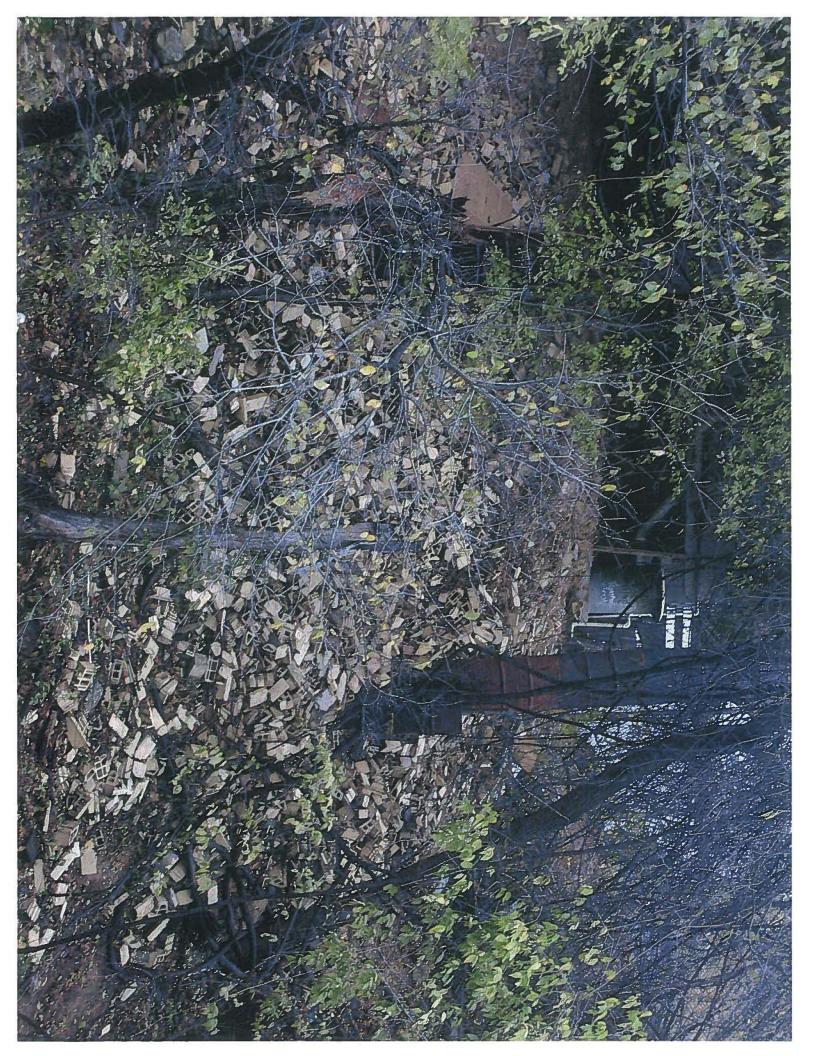


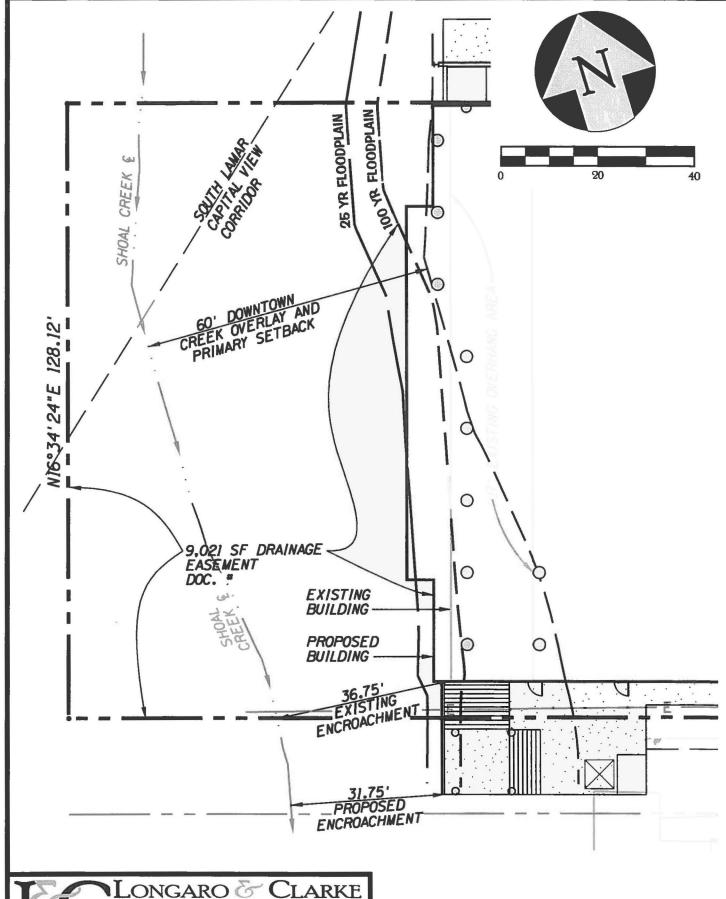














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EXHIBIT A

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> > P: 512.495.9470 F: 512.495.9473



December 14, 2006

Mr. Warren Struss
Director of Parks and Recreation Department
City of Austin
200 South Lamar Boulevard
Austin, Texas 78704

# Star Riverside Site Plan Application Variance Support Request

Dear Mr. Struss:

On behalf of Constellation Property Group (Riverside) LP, C Faulkner Engineering hereby requests the Parks and Recreation Board support a variance request for the construction of an extension to the Town Lake Hike and Bike Trail system in the Critical Water Quality Zone (CWQZ) along Town Lake for the Star Riverside project.

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Attached for you review is an exhibit that shows the location of the proposed trail improvements on the site. The proposed trail will connect to the existing sidewalk along East Riverside Drive at the existing accessible ramp and will run along the west side of the proposed development. The trail is divided into two different experiences. The trail along Town Lake will be composed of crushed granite gravel and will be twelve (12) feet wide. The trail along the western side of the development will be an eight (8) foot wide concrete trail that will meander down to the gravel trail.

Below is a summary describing the proposed development and information related to this variance request.

- Project Goals: The goals of this project include providing a unique living experience
  with individually owned residential condominiums. Benefits to the residents of this
  development will include having downtown and Town Lake within close proximity,
  benefits to the neighborhood will be the beautification of the site and the relocation of
  the parking to an underground structure, and a benefit to the entire City is the first
  expansion of the Hike and Bike Trail system along Town Lake southeast of the IH-35
  corridor.
- Project Description: Star Riverside is a proposed residential condominium development with limited commercial use. A homeowners association will manage the property once development is completed. The property is a 4.023-acre tract located at the northeast corner of the intersection of East Riverside Drive and Interstate Highway 35.
- Number of Units: There are 251 proposed residential condominiums. There will
  also be a small commercial component in Building D that will most likely be a coffee
  and pastry shop.
- Building Height: The height of Building C, located at the southwest corner of the site, is proposed to be 110 feet, eleven floors. Buildings A and B, on the north side of the property will be 60 feet, and Building D will be 90 feet.

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- Site Access (Vehicle): All vehicle traffic to and from the proposed development will be from the garage entrance on Manlove Street. The residents will each have an assigned parking space in the underground garage. Residents will access the garage from their residence via the elevator (or stairs) in their building. There will be no vehicle access to the site at grade in any location other than the emergency vehicle access from East Riverside Drive. This driveway will have knock away bollards and signage to indicate emergency access only.
- Site Access (Pedestrian): Pedestrian traffic can enter the site from the Trail on the
  west side of the property. On the east side of the property there are steps and an
  accessible route to the commercial portion of the development as well as the main
  lobby for the condominiums. Pedestrians can proceed past the site on the sidewalk
  along Riverside, which is being reconstructed to be a 10' wide sidewalk per
  conditions of the zoning case approval.
- Parks and Recreation Department Easement: Constellation Property Group (Riverside) LP will dedicate an easement to the Parks and Recreation Department for the purpose of public access and right to maintain/reconstruct the trail within the limits of this site. The proposed limits of this easement are shown on the attached exhibit as a dashed line. The easement will be approximately 30 feet from the north property boundary, along Town Lake, and will vary in width along the section of the trail that connects to the IH 35/East Riverside sidewalks. The minimum width of this portion of the easement will be fifteen (15) feet.
- Trail Impervious Cover: The proposed concrete trail within the Waterfront Overlay 100' setback is 4,032 square feet or 7.2% of the setback area. The crushed granite portion of the trail, to be constructed adjacent to Town Lake is 6,722 square feet.
- Trail Maintenance: Constellation Property Group and their successors will assume responsibility for the daily maintenance of the trail system across the site, such as trash pickup and landscaping. The City of Austin Parks Department will be responsible for any major maintenance and/or reconstruction of the trail, including the retaining walls.
- Trail Construction Schedule: The portion of the trail along Town Lake will be completed in the first phase of construction and the trail along the west side of the site will be completed in the second phase. The project is proposed to be completed in three phases. The site plan application is currently under review by the City of Austin, construction of the trail will not commence until a site development permit is issued for the site.
- Star Riverside Site Conditions: The entire site is located within the Waterfront Overlay Combining District – East Riverside Sub-district. There is a 100' primary setback related to the Waterfront Overlay and Critical Water Quality Zones associated with Town Lake and Harper's Branch Creek., both Urban Watersheds located on the north and west sides of the site.
- Requested Variance: Constellation Property Group (Riverside) LP is requesting a variance to Section 25-8-261 of the City of Austin Land Development Code to allow for construction of the Town Lake Trail, as well as water quality and structural drainage improvements within the CWQZ.
- Waterfront Overlay Compliance: The proposed improvements adhere to the requirements of the City of Austin Land Development Code relating to 100' primary setback of the Waterfront Overlay.

CWQZ



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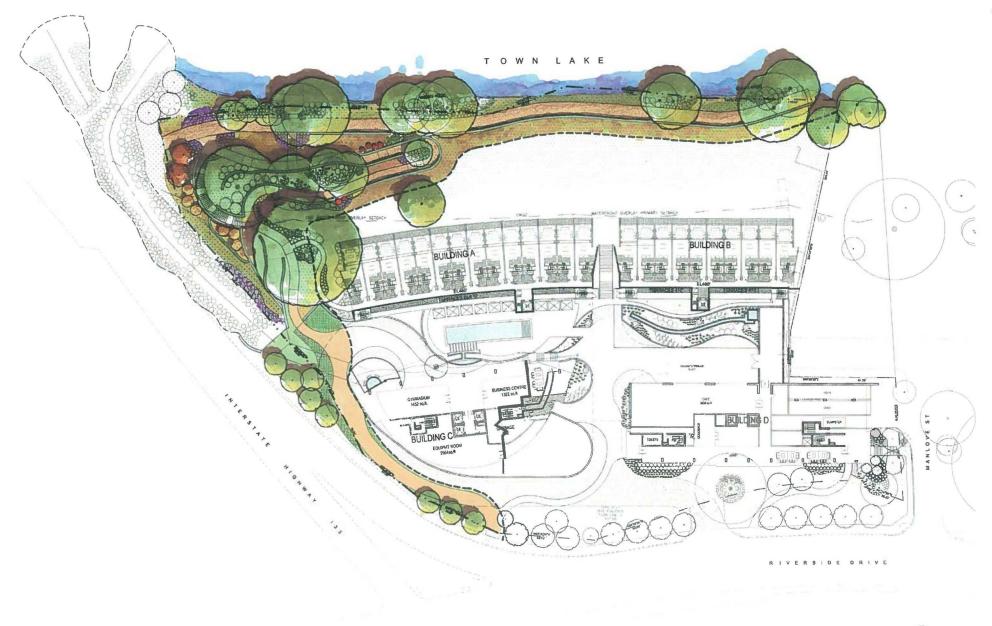
We greatly appreciate your review and positive recommendation to the Planning Commission for the proposed improvements within the Water Quality Transition Zone of this site. If you should have further questions or require additional information, please contact me at 512-674-9426 or Stephanie Stanford at 512-674-9413.

Sincerely,

Hank Smith, P.E.

My B. Suit

Attachments: Town Lake Trail Expansion Exhibit





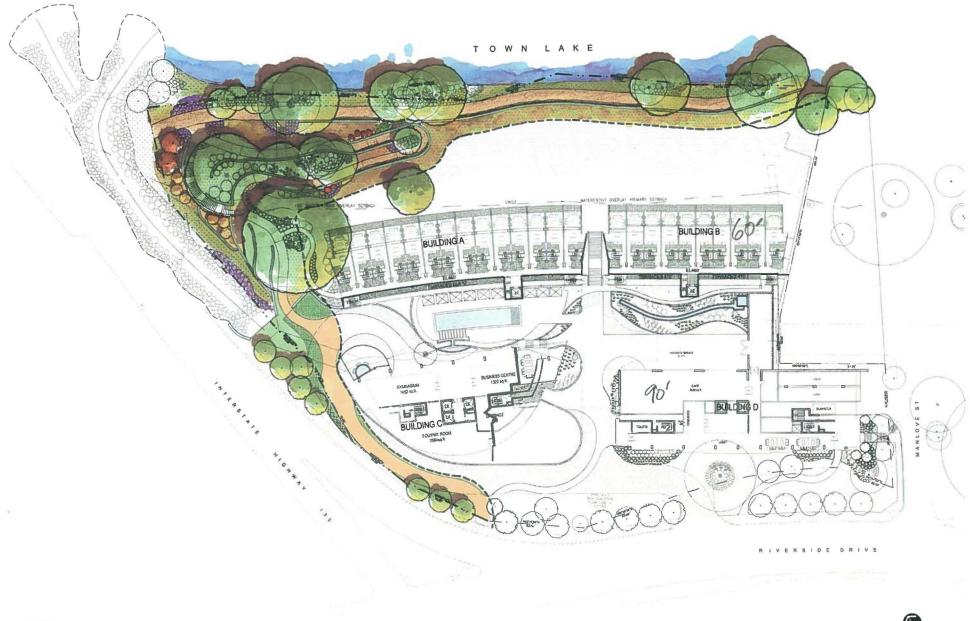


TOWN LAKE TRAIL EXPANSION

STAR RIVERSIDE AUSTIN, TEXAS



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